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## U.S. Foreign Intelligence Requirements Categories and Priorities

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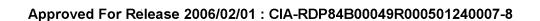
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Priorities are expressed in the matrix by ordinal numbers from 1 through 7 in descending order of importance or urgency. Values below 7 appear in the matrix as blank spaces and are explained in the definitions below. Each assigned priority represents the relative importance of the subject to users of intelligence. Priorities assigned do not reflect the degree of difficulty or ease with which the information can be obtained, the extent to which it may already be on hand, or the specific nature of any needed intelligence collection, processing, or production activities.

## The definitions of the priorities are:

- 1—Intelligence vital to U.S. national survival;
- 2—Intelligence of critical importance to U.S. political, economic, and military interests;
- 3—Intelligence of major importance to U.S. political, economic, and military interests;
- 4—Intelligence of considerable importance to U.S. political, economic, and military interests;
- 5—Intelligence of moderate importance to U.S. political, economic, and military interests;
- 6—Intelligence of some importance to U.S. political, economic, and military interests;
- 7—Intelligence of interest for U.S. political, economic, and military policy planning and execution.



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